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Situation Report Winter Storm December 4, 2006, 12pm

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SUMMARY

A powerful late fall storm dumped large amounts of freezing precipitation in the form freezing rain, sleet and large amounts of dry snow. The freezing rain and sleet caused major power outages, blocked roads and caused structural damages to buildings throughout Missouri. On Friday, Governor Blunt declared a State of Emergency, allowing resources from the State to be used in disaster response. This includes units of the Missouri National Guard.

State officials expressed major concern about citizens using alternate heating sources not designed for indoor use. Numerous people have died or have been hospitalized, as a result of carbon monoxide poisoning. Local fire and health officials, as well as retailers selling alternate heating sources, are encouraged to remind people about safe practices to heat their homes in the event of a power loss.

Fatalities

Location	Fatalities	Notes
Boone County	1	Traffic related
Jasper County	1	Traffic related
Monroe County	1	Traffic-related
Phelps County	1	Traffic related
Scotland County	1	Fire-related
St Francois County	2	1 traffic related; 1 cold –weather related
St Louis City	2	2 CO poisoning; Investigating 4 potential cold-weather deaths
St Louis County	1	Fire related
STATE TOTAL	10	In addition, 4 potential cold-weather deaths are being investigated

Latest fatalities include one person killed in a crash after her vehicle slid through an intersection south of Madison in Monroe County. Another person was killed when a house caught fire near Memphis in Scotland County; officials are looking at improper use of a heating source as a possible cause. In St Francois County, officials say cold-weather was a contributing factor in a previously reported death.

Power restoration

Ameren officials report that as of 10am, about 152,000 customers in Missouri are without power. 2000 linemen are involved in restoration efforts. Ameren officials continue to work directly with city, county, state authorities to coordinate other priority restoration areas as needed. Major locations impacted include the following:

Location	Customers Without Power as of 8am
St Louis County	98,000
St Louis City	18,000
Jefferson County	16,000
St Francois County	11,000
Washington County	4,300
Iron County	2,600

Hickory County

Officials report substantial damage to boats and marinas around Lake Pomme de Terre, with estimated losses of \$4-million. **Boat dock damage at seven resorts and major damage to three marinas. Approximately 300 private boat docks damaged or destroyed – all of docks are sunk with their boats underneath or attached.**

Jefferson County

Officials report numerous power outages. **One person is being treated for carbon monoxide poisoning. 2 shelters were open overnight, with a total population under 10 people.**

Polk County

City of Bolivar has declared a state of emergency. 2 buildings destroyed in Bolivar due to collapse of roofs. Local officials are conducting damage assessments in Fair Play and Humansville.

St Francois County

Officials are reporting one person was killed in a traffic accident. **Officials also say cold-weather was a contributing factor in the death of an elderly man.** In addition, three residents have been hospitalized from carbon monoxide poisoning. **Four shelters were open overnight, with a total population of about 40 people. Five warming centers were open on Monday.** The county is working on debris removal, with assistance from the National Guard.

City of St. Louis

Officials are reporting two deaths from carbon monoxide poisoning. Authorities continue to investigate four deaths, which may have been related to the cold weather. 16 people were treated for cold weather injuries on Saturday, with four of those injuries requiring hospitalization. **Two shelters were open overnight with a total population of 198 people. 18 warming centers were open on Monday. Health and welfare checks continue throughout the city.**

St. Louis County

Officials report 17 people are being treated for carbon monoxide poisoning. In addition, 6 cases of hypothermia have been reported. One minor injury was reported on Saturday when a gas station canopy collapsed. 11 shelters were open overnight, with a population of about 210 people. **The Elderly/Special Needs Shelter has closed. 12 warming centers were open on Monday.** Officials continue to monitor electrical needs of two nursing homes.

Washington County

Officials report 16 people are being treated for carbon monoxide poisoning. Health and welfare checks are underway throughout the county. Power has been restored for most people in the City of Potosi. **A voluntary boil-water advisory is still in effect for City of Potosi. Four shelters were open overnight with a total population under 10 people.**

State Actions

On Friday, **Governor Blunt** signed Executive Order 06-46 declaring a State of Emergency in response to the winter storm. He also signed Executive Order 06-47 activating the National Guard to assist with the emergency response.

State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) will reopen the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) at 730am on Monday. Emergency calls after hours should be made to the SEMA duty officer (573-751-2748).

Missouri National Guard (MONG) has over 350 personnel on duty performing various missions. About 50 troops are working in the St Louis metro area conducting health and welfare checks. Another 300 troops are assisting with debris removal activities in St Francois and Washington Counties.

Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP) is assisting with traffic control on the interstates and at accident sites.

Missouri State Water Patrol (MSWP) reported damage to several boat docks at the Lake of the Ozarks.

Office of Administration (OA) has delivered generators to nursing home throughout the affected area. OA also staged generators, air mattresses, blankets, and food for distribution. OA was also operating three warming stations at state office buildings in St Louis on Saturday.

Department of Health & Senior Services (DHSS) is monitoring personnel and power status to medical facilities and nursing homes. DHSS is also rechecking heating practices for nursing homes that have no power. DHSS also issued a press release on winter storm safety issues.

Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) reports that ALL highways have been reopened. Crews continue to work to clear snow and ice on secondary roads.

Department of Natural Resources (DNR) issued a waiver of the requirement for disposal of yard waste as a result of the storm. The waiver allows any yard waste generated as a result of the storm to be disposed of in permitted sanitary demolition landfills. DNR is also providing technical support for municipal water systems.

Department of Social Services (DSS) is providing personnel to assist with management of donated goods and services, and to provide support to shelters.

Volunteer Agency Actions

Volunteer agencies are working with local officials identifying needs for affected persons. American Red Cross (ARC) is operating shelters in St Louis and Farmington. ARC has also served 1500 meals, and supplied heater meals to St Francois and Washington Counties. The Salvation Army (TSA) has assisted local officials by operating 9 shelters and 14 warming stations. Americorp has representatives is local EOCs in the St Louis area who are coordinating guidance for the United Way's Information Line (800-427-4626). Americorp is also shipping food and water as well as assisting with debris removal in the affected area.

Weather

The National Weather Service forecast calls for a warming trend to start Monday, with highs reaching into the 30s and 40s by Tuesday and Wednesday. The forecast does NOT indicate any precipitation in the coming days, although another cold front is expected to pass through the state on Wednesday Night/Thursday Morning which will drop daytime highs back into the 30s with partly cloudy skies.

Point of Contact:

Calls for the State Emergency Operations Center should be made to 573-526-9100 until 430pm on Sunday. SEMA Duty Officer after hours (starting at 430pm) number is 573-751-2748

This Situation Report and other storm-related information may be viewed at the following web address:

<http://sema.dps.mo.gov/Situation%20Reports.htm>